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Susan M. Lessard, Chair
Board of Environmental Protection
c/o Terry Hanson
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Dear Ms. Lessard:

I am requesting intervenor status in the appeal process regarding the proposed remediation of the HoltraChem Manufacturing site in Orrington, Maine. The classes of which I am a member directly affected by any activity associated with this site are (1) the general public currently or formerly living within close proximity and/or reasonably close proximity of this site, (2) potentially chemically sensitive individual(s) with medical documentation of potential sensitivity to chemicals, specifically elemental mercury, (3) the parent(s) of children living within close proximity of the site, (4) US citizen(s) with documented civil rights violations with regard to actions taken in response to reporting civil violations by representatives of the former HoltraChem plant and its legal associates and affiliates, (5) local, state, and federal taxpayer(s) and (6) healthcare payers and recipients.

I would be presenting evidence of the need to at least modify the Commissioner's Order for the purpose of creating a reasonable and appropriate means of monitoring public and individual health outcomes associated with disturbance of the site and establishing protocol of reporting potential health outcomes that is free of the documented conflicts of interest between the operators of the chemical plant, their documented legal representatives, and the local healthcare corporation and its affiliates. I will present evidence to support my argument that there needs to be federal representation and oversight under Title 18 and other sections of the US Code and Sarbanes-Oxley, not necessarily limited to these acts, to assure adequate oversight of remediation on behalf of residents and taxpayers potentially adversely affected by remediation or lack of remediation.

I will present arguments that there needs to be long term physical and mental health monitoring to rule out long-term and chronic, as well as acute, negative health effects potentially associated with planned remediation. I will be presenting statements from public health professionals and research scientists as well as from medical representatives and the state toxicologist.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response. I also would appreciate inclusion in any communications that are sent with regard to remediation procedures and plans thereof.

Thank you,
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